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Crop Progress & Condition

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Excellent week for field work: New England averaged 6.0 days suitable for field work last week.

New England continued to see below average temperatures throughout most of the region last week, along with some scattered precipitation. Average weekly temperatures in the region ranged from five degrees below normal to three degrees above normal. Two percent of pasture was rated in very poor condition while 2 percent was poor, 23 percent was fair, 53 percent was good, and 20 percent was excellent. Weekly precipitation ranged from 0 to 2.14 inches in the region. Hailstorms occurred in several areas mid-week, causing minor damage to some crops. In most of the region, second and third cuttings of hay were taking place on the drier days. Field corn continued to look good and was progressing with much of it tasseling and silking. Potato harvest was in its beginning stages throughout the region. Blueberries and peaches continued to be harvested. Apples were looking good, with harvest predicted to start in the upcoming weeks. Farmers' markets and Pick-Your-Own stands remained busy and farmers were active monitoring for diseases and pests on crops.

New England Soil Moisture for Week Ending August 10th, 2014

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil	2%	17%	61%	20%
Subsoil	1%	13%	64%	22%

Crop Progress as of August 10th, 2014

Fruit Crops	Fruit Set	Harvested
Blueberries, tame	---	48%
Blueberries, wild (ME)	---	5%
Peaches	---	32%
Field Crops	Blooming	Harvested
Potatoes	---	14%
Sweet Corn	---	43%
Tobacco, Cigar Binder	---	15%
Tobacco, Cigar Wrapper	---	30%
Dry Hay	2 nd Cutting	3 rd Cutting
	70%	12%

Crop Conditions as of August 10th, 2014

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Apples	2%	2%	13%	72%	11%
Barley (ME)	0%	0%	0%	30%	70%
Blueberries, tame	0%	0%	9%	75%	16%
Blueberries, wild (ME)	0%	4%	3%	65%	28%
Cranberries (MA)	0%	10%	31%	49%	10%
Corn for grain or silage	0%	1%	12%	78%	9%
Dry Hay	0%	1%	11%	62%	26%
Oats (ME)	0%	0%	0%	20%	80%
Peaches	3%	3%	27%	67%	0%
Pears	2%	1%	22%	67%	8%
Potatoes	0%	0%	1%	75%	24%
Sweet Corn	0%	1%	25%	62%	12%
Tobacco, Cigar Binder	11%	0%	11%	70%	8%
Tobacco, Cigar Wrapper	0%	0%	2%	98%	0%

For a complete nationwide weekly weather and crop bulletin, please visit www.usda.gov/oc/e/weather and click on "[Weekly Weather and Crop Bulletin.](#)"

August 10, 2014 New England Weekly Weather Summary

		Last Week Weather Summary						Accumulation Since April 1, 2014					
		Temperature				Precipitation		Precipitation			GDD Base 50F		Base 40F
State	Station	Hi	Lo	Avg	DFN	Total	Days	Total	DFN	Days	Total	DFN	Total
Maine	Augusta_State_A	82	57	69	-3	1.20	4	18.69	+2.97	56	1464	+11	2589
	Bangor_Intl_Air	84	53	69	-1	1.04	5	16.89	+2.57	57	1443	+70	2559
	Bethel	81	51	67	-2	0.76	4	23.84	+6.47	58	1289	-29	2387
	Bridgton	82	54	68	+2	0.30	2	19.35	+2.21	49	1352	+139	2444
	Caribou_Municip	82	49	67	+3	0.25	3	17.58	+3.09	62	1296	+217	2314
	Dover-Foxcroft	83	51	67	+2	0.64	5	18.52	+2.44	64	1273	+205	2324
	Durham	81	53	66	-4	2.14	4	21.16	+4.70	60	1306	-13	2414
	East_Surry	81	53	67	-2	0.34	4	19.34	+3.26	57	1152	-98	2233
	Eustis	79	48	62	-1	0.57	5	18.57	+3.18	55	956	+120	1934
	Frenchville	78	48	64	-1	0.97	5	17.94	+3.13	60	1105	+113	2069
	Harmony	84	51	67	-1	0.98	5	21.67	+5.86	63	1258	+20	2330
	Houlton	83	46	66	0	0.86	4	18.04	+3.68	62	1229	+131	2254
	Livermore_Falls	84	52	66	+1	1.38	4	23.55	+6.12	52	1278	+195	2353
	Machias	83	51	66	0	1.94	4	23.79	+6.32	54	1072	+103	2063
	Millinocket_Wtr	83	48	66	-3	0.24	3	16.41	+0.12	59	1186	-58	2193
	Moosehead	81	44	64	0	1.34	5	19.42	+2.69	67	1053	+120	2050
	Portland_ME	81	55	69	-1	0.67	4	17.85	+2.17	48	1443	+147	2574
	Sanford	83	55	68	-3	0.10	1	18.74	+1.68	35	1476	-34	2596
	Topsfield_2	84	54	68	+1	1.80	3	23.28	+6.81	55	1269	+100	2315
	Turner	82	54	68	-4	0.42	5	24.11	+7.75	60	1386	-185	2490
New Hampshire	Berlin_AG	80	50	64	-3	0.29	3	17.18	+1.56	56	1201	+23	2269
	Bradford_2	84	48	65	-4	0.26	3	22.12	+5.05	48	1260	-169	2350
	Colebrook	79	48	63	-2	1.21	6	22.77	+6.61	70	1055	-29	2054
	Concord	85	49	68	-2	0.03	2	17.94	+3.97	50	1603	+119	2735
	East_Milford	86	53	69	-3	0.19	1	14.27	-2.12	48	1627	+48	2782
	Epping	85	53	69	-2	0.59	2	15.33	-0.67	53	1600	+110	2744
	Fitzwilliam	83	48	64	-3	0.14	2	22.01	+5.41	46	1287	+20	2355
	Greenville	83	52	68	+1	0.16	2	16.53	+0.05	43	1423	+156	2541
	Jefferson	80	52	64	-3	0.41	2	18.06	+1.98	54	1219	-16	2285
	Keene_AG	85	50	68	-2	0.42	3	23.55	+7.68	53	1486	+49	2609
	Lakeport_2	85	56	70	-1	0.15	2	18.36	+2.41	48	1630	+104	2762
	Lebanon	86	50	69	0	0.27	3	16.82	+3.10	56	1609	+212	2739
	North_Conway	82	54	67	-3	0.11	2	18.24	+0.74	66	1289	-101	2387
	Tamworth_4	80	49	65	-1	0.54	3	18.32	-0.87	54	1171	+46	2225
Vermont	Bennington_AP	83	47	66	0	0.64	4	17.20	-1.87	54	1568	+385	2715
	Burlington_Intl	84	55	71	+1	0.30	5	17.76	+2.86	59	1819	+267	2978
	Corinth	77	48	63	-4	0.20	2	15.40	+1.53	48	1145	-124	2163
	Island_Pond	79	48	64	-2	1.66	6	20.41	+3.72	68	1148	+85	2179
	Johnson_2N	77	52	65	-2	1.66	4	21.78	+5.46	58	1162	-25	2218
	Marlboro_Raws	79	50	64	-2	0.75	3	24.70	+9.28	55	1265	+118	2321
	Montpelier_AP	80	49	65	-2	0.49	4	17.04	+3.17	60	1295	+26	2367
	Newport_AG	79	51	66	-4	2.01	5	23.08	+6.96	65	1279	-162	2325
	Rochester	82	51	66	0	0.61	5	19.05	+1.09	62	1387	+182	2478
	Rutland_AG	81	50	66	-3	0.53	4	16.30	+0.15	53	1401	-84	2489
	Springfield_VT	85	50	67	-1	0.48	3	19.91	+2.38	53	1499	+172	2614
	South_Lincoln	81	47	64	-2	0.93	3	20.25	+1.29	54	1153	+116	2192
	Sutton	80	50	65	0	0.59	4	18.14	+1.45	67	1175	+112	2212
	Walden	77	47	62	-3	0.58	4	16.48	-0.21	63	915	-148	1874

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	Woodstock	86	50	68	0	0.26	2	19.21	+3.56	55	1449	+110	2535
Massachusetts	Amherst	86	51	69	-2	0.08	3	18.45	+1.45	55	1694	+88	2858
	Barre_Falls_Dam	82	48	66	-2	0.74	3	17.85	+0.69	56	1401	+141	2498
	Bedford_Hanscom	86	52	69	-3	0.01	1	15.74	-0.60	47	1717	+81	2878
	Beverly_Ag	87	57	75	+3	0.02	2	13.83	-0.86	44	1713	+11	2839
	Birch_Hill_Dam	85	51	68	+1	0.34	3	23.09	+6.24	50	1557	+279	2672
	Boston_Logan_In	85	61	73	-2	0.01	1	13.43	-0.75	46	1907	+88	3117
	Chatham_AP	81	58	71	+2	1.22	3	13.03	-2.46	50	1529	+278	2699
	Chicopee_Westov	87	49	69	-2	0.05	1	21.17	+4.17	55	1793	+187	2976
	Edgartown	83	56	70	-2	0.50	4	10.85	-4.79	43	1614	+134	2812
	East_Brimfield_	83	54	68	-2	0.10	2	15.14	-1.35	57	1555	+94	2702
	Fitchburg	89	57	72	+2	0.07	2	13.46	-3.89	52	1934	+268	3122
	Greenfield	84	52	68	-4	0.19	2	22.91	+5.91	55	1540	-66	2698
	Hyannis_AP	81	58	70	-1	1.56	3	14.14	+0.07	43	1637	+189	2822
	Maynard	89	51	70	-3	0.50	3	18.13	+1.79	59	1761	+125	2935
	New_Bedford	85	55	70	-5	0.07	2	19.11	+2.16	45	1690	-107	2890
	Newburyport	87	56	71	-2	0.40	2	15.27	-1.07	45	1638	-5	2792
	North_Adams_Har	84	50	66	-1	0.29	2	17.44	-2.03	53	1587	+358	2737
	Norwood	88	50	69	-4	0.31	2	11.67	-4.20	41	1733	+25	2918
	Pittsfield	81	51	66	-3	0.80	2	23.41	+4.74	51	1439	+57	2570
	Plymouth	85	54	70	-3	1.14	2	16.41	-0.10	44	1669	+23	2840
	Taunton_4NW	91	55	72	-1	0.30	2	13.18	-2.98	48	1845	+184	3042
	Westfield_Barne	87	52	70	+3	0.15	1	20.43	+2.90	50	1914	+521	3122
	West_Otis	85	52	68	+1	0.43	4	18.75	-1.57	58	1505	+190	2594
	Worcester	83	55	70	-1	0.16	1	17.08	-0.70	52	1624	+139	2779
	Worthington	82	49	65	-2	0.42	3	23.36	+4.42	55	1312	+32	2416
Rhode Island	Newport_AP	83	61	71	-1	0.01	1	14.87	-0.20	43	1619	+101	2817
	Providence	87	58	73	0	0.01	1	13.65	-1.90	43	1898	+101	3128
	Westerly-Wester	85	58	71	-2	0.00	0	14.49	-1.84	40	1636	+14	2829
	Woonsocket	90	55	71	-2	0.11	1	13.33	-3.45	44	1804	+118	3008
Connecticut	Bridgeport_Siko	85	61	74	-1	0.00	0	17.55	+0.96	46	2036	+185	3261
	Danbury_AP	86	52	69	-4	0.14	3	18.03	-1.20	53	1736	-27	2931
	Hartford_Bradle	89	54	71	-3	0.59	2	17.27	+0.28	54	2014	+127	3244
	Meriden-Meriden	88	52	71	-2	0.06	1	13.81	-5.64	43	1854	+160	3060
	Norfolk	82	53	66	-3	0.27	2	24.98	+4.66	62	1458	+143	2585
	Norwich	89	56	72	-2	0.01	1	13.43	-4.12	40	1866	+65	3096
	Staffordville	85	51	68	-3	0.16	3	16.02	-2.08	50	1457	-49	2576
	Thomaston_Dam	88	50	70	0	1.22	5	23.12	+4.53	66	1752	+220	2930
	West_Thompson_L	85	51	68	-3	0.08	2	15.74	-2.65	51	1545	+28	2694
	Willimantic	88	52	71	+1	0.01	1	13.36	-4.74	46	1838	+332	3047

Summary based on NWS data. DFN = Departure From Normal.
Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) in inches.
Air Temperatures in Degrees Fahrenheit.
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REPORTERS COMMENTS, By County

Reporters are from Extension Service (Ext), Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Farm Service Agency (FSA), Conservation District (CD), farmers, commodity specialists, or other knowledgeable individuals.

CONNECTICUT

HARTFORD & TOLLAND, Ross Eddy

Showers during the week did not yield much volume. Great weekend for making second cutting of dry hay, while others chopped third cutting. Field corn is tasseling and making ears. Vegetables are in good supply at farmers' markets and farm stands. Pastures need to be supplemented due to dry conditions.

WINDHAM, Dawn S. Pindell

VERY DRY; irrigating sweet corn and vegetables. Silage corn tasseled; corn on heavier soils looks okay while corn on gravelly soils is showing distress. Cool nights feel more like September than August. Hay fields are turning brown in some areas. Some farmers are hauling water for cows; wells, streams and ponds not able to keep up with the dry conditions.

MAINE

AROOSTOOK, Larry James

Dry conditions in most areas have slowed potato bulking. The end of this week should see barley harvest in full swing. Late blight has showed up in a couple of isolated areas.

CUMBERLAND, Sandy Truslow

Hail was received in some areas on Thursday. Farmers are battling the bugs and downy mildew. Overall crops have been good this year.

FRANKLIN, Gary J. Raymond

Rain drops keep falling; there has been a shower almost every day for about 3 weeks. Some farmers took a chance and dropped some hay this weekend. Showers were hit or miss. Weeds and grass are growing very well.

HANCOCK, Valerie Porter

Crops are doing well and farm stands are in full swing. Apples look great and harvest will be in a few weeks in some areas. Blueberries in Hancock County were damaged by hail last week. Hay crop is getting hard to harvest due to so many rain showers in the afternoon in Penobscot County. Corn crop looks great and lots of spraying going on. Blueberry harvest is underway.

HANCOCK, David Yarborough

Crop now being harvested on the barrens Downeast. Cool night temperatures and showers keeping crop quality high. Yields are better than expected.

PISCATAQUIS, Donna Coffin

Isolated rain showers provided both a challenge to hay producers and a blessing to pastures. Sweet corn harvest is in full swing.

WASHINGTON, Michael L. Look

Heavy thunderstorms 3 days in a row; unheard of for coastal Maine. More rain coming Wednesday and Thursday. Enough already. Fields are very soft.

MASSACHUSETTS

NANTUCKET/PLYMOUTH, Deb Cannon

Severe weather on August 6 and 7 brought some hail to the region. There are reports of minor hail damage on some cranberry farms. Berries are starting to size. Growers continue to scout for cranberry fruitworm this week.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

CHESHIRE, Carl Majewski

Some showers early in the week, followed by plenty of sun and dry conditions. Pastures and hayfields are doing well; farms either finishing second cutting or starting third. Corn continues to look great; all but late planted fields tasseled and silking. Full range of veggies available at farm stands, etc. PYO blueberries continues.

HILLSBOROUGH, George Hamilton

Vegetables: Growers are harvesting an array of vegetables between rain showers: beans, beets, broccoli, cabbage, cucumbers, greens, lettuce, peas, potatoes, radishes, snap beans, summer squash, sweet corn and other vegetables. Great demand for local produce. Growers monitoring disease and insect pressures, so farmers decide if spraying is needed. Growers are reporting damage on sweet corn caused by birds. Fruit: Blueberry and raspberry Pick-Your-Own operation were busy. Orchardists harvesting peaches as well as Vista Bella and Jersey Mac apples. Blueberry and raspberry harvests continued. Orchardists busy monitoring for pests, mowing orchard floors, moving bins into orchards, and fixing up orchard roads. Apple growers busy summer pruning trees. Cultivating and weeding newly renovated strawberry beds. Field Crops: Hay making and cutting haylage continues at rapid pace due to dry weather! Silage corn is rapidly growing, with much of it tasseling and silking. Weather: Localized thunderstorm produced hail during midweek storms - minimal damage reported as of now.

ROCKINGHAM, Nada Haddad

Heavy, localized hail storm reported on Thursday afternoon in some areas damaging lettuces and greens. Other crops such as winter squashes and sugar pumpkins also damaged, but it will take a while before knowing the real impact. Some rain on and off on days' night. Overall it was a good week for field work. Picking blueberries, black and red raspberries, peaches and early apple varieties, and a whole array of vegetables including sweet corn. Cultivating, irrigating and monitoring pests in vegetable fields. Haying is done and pastures are greens. Farmers' markets and farm stands very busy with customers, offering a great selection of vegetables, fruits, cut flowers, meat and dairy products.

RHODE ISLAND

NEWPORT, Paul E. Brule

Last week started off cool and ended hot and humid. The hot weather dried out the top of the soil a bit. We should start digging early potatoes at the end of this week. Vegetables look really good and plentiful. Tomatoes are starting to come out, along with peppers, squash, and beans. We can get a whole grocery list out of the garden now. Apples are doing well. I've seen really nice looking peaches being sold throughout the state. Pastures look well; they aren't great, but they're still green. Second cutting of hay is more than halfway done; it's a little on the short side I guess because the first cut was done too late.

VERMONT

FRANKLIN, Paul Stanley

Getting past the hump here in Franklin County. August is turning out to be good dog days for crops. Corn is silking and looking very good. Later planted corn is now showing tassels. Making some nice second and third cuttings of dry hay. Yields are very good and quality will be good with the nice stretch of weather without rain. Pastures continue their great growth with ideal growing conditions. Potatoes are now the item with great growth and some harvesting. Sweet corn is now on every garden stand in the County.

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